

'A CREDITABLE JOB' IS VERDICT ON C.I.A.

**Doolittle Survey, However,
Tells President of Areas
That Need Improvement**

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—The Central Intelligence Agency won "a creditable job" rating today from a special study group acting directly for President Eisenhower.

The group reported, however, that there were "important areas in which the C. I. A. organization, administration and operations can and should be improved."

The agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution, the group informed the President.

Heading the group was Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle. Other members were William D. Franke, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Morris Hadley, New York attorney, and William D. Pawley, former Ambassador to Brazil.

The White House said the group had been asked by the President "to look at certain phases of the work of the C. I. A."

"The President feels that such periodic reviews are conducive to good government and serve to give him an independent appraisal of the sensitive aspects of the agency," the White House statement explained.

Hoover Study Separate

The Doolittle study, it was stated, "does not duplicate the work of the task force of the Hoover Commission under Gen. Mark W. Clark which is particularly studying the over-all organizational problems of the United States Intelligence services."

The group held what General Doolittle called its "first and final meeting" with the President today. Certain recommendations were made. These will not be made public, whether they are put into effect or not.

General Doolittle, through the White House, issued this statement in behalf of the study group:

"With respect to the Central Intelligence Agency in general we conclude: (a) that its placement in the over-all organization of the Government is proper; (b) that the laws under which it operates are adequate; (c) that the established provisions for its financial support are sufficiently flexible to meet its current operational needs; (d) that in spite of the limitations imposed by its relatively short life and rapid expansion it is doing a creditable job; (e) that it is gradually improving its capabilities, and (f) that it is exercising care to insure the loyalty of its personnel. areas in which the C. I. A. organization, administration and operations can and should be improved. The agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution. We are well aware of the tremendous problems facing the director and staff of an organization such as C. I. A. and appreciate the sincere efforts being made to solve them.

"In an attempt to be constructive and in the hope that we may be helpful, we have made certain recommendations to the President."

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